GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:168
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INFILTRATION ACROSS THE BORDER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of infiltration across the border has increased even after creation of unified Defence Intelligence Agency (D.I.A.) and Jawans of Army were killed due to explosion on the Amarnath route;

(b) if so, the reasons for failure of Defence Intelligence Agency; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make the said agency more effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARED QUESTION NO. 168 FOR 25.7.2002

The incidents of increase/decrease in infiltration from across the border and terrorist attacks in the hinterland including attacks that took place on the Amarnath route recently, are related to ground tactical operations and have no linkage with the setting up of Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA).

DIA became functional only from 1st July, 2002. It is, therefore, too early to comment on its effectiveness.